

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

April 24, 2014

Meeting Site: Virginia Moon Administrative Center, 8545 Park Drive, Ralston, NE 68127

Meeting called to order by Doreen Jankovich at 9:18 A.M.

Thank you to Mark Adler and Ralston Public Schools for hosting the meeting.

Approval of January 23, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting minutes—Motion by Moss, second by Schnabel. Motion carried.

Approval of March 7, 2014 NCTE General Session Meeting minutes—Motion by Katt, second by Bone. Motion carried.

Approval of March 7, 2014 NCTE Standing Committee minutes –

Committee 'A' Minutes—Motion by Adler, second by Moss. Motion carried.

Committee 'B' Minutes—Motion by Bone, second by Schnabel. Motion carried.

Committee 'C' Minutes—Motion by Moss, second by Bone. Motion carried.

Added agenda item:

NCTE Meeting Dates conflict with State Board meetings—June and October, 2014 and March and June, 2015. Will leave June, 2014 NCTE meeting date as it is. NDE staff will check to see if October, 2014 date could be changed and will also talk to Jay Sears concerning an alternate date. Possible dates discussed were October 17 or October 24, 2014. March and June, 2015 dates will be moved if at all possible to avoid state board conflicts. Discussion about moving the meeting to a location outside of Lincoln for the June, 2015 meeting, possibly to Grand Island or Kearney was held. It was the consensus of the group to keep the meetings in Lincoln for the next membership year, and to reconsider having one meeting in a different location at that time.

Added agenda item:

NCTE Membership list for 2014-2015 was approved on a motion by Moss, second by Adler. Motion carried.

NCTE Standing Committee Officer Elections will be held at the June, 2014 meeting. Adler and Moss are eligible for re-election as Standing Committee Chairs; Bone is completing his second term, so is not eligible to be re-elected as Chair according to Organizational Policies. The intent is that there be a representative from each constituent group on the Executive Committee; however, this balance can be impacted by other factors. NDE staff will review past executive committee representation and provide a recommendation to Standing Committees to get a representative rotation re-established.

Discussion—Do Organizational Policies need to be revised so that elections are always at the same meeting? Should nominations always be submitted at the March meeting, and voting always at the June meeting—President-elect in odd years, Standing Committee chairs in even years? (One consideration is that members do not always know in March if they will be a returning member for the next year.)

Added agenda item:

New Member Orientation and continuing member development—

Opportunities to strengthen the NCTE orientation process for new members, as well as to support ongoing inservice opportunities for the full membership were discussed.

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- It was suggested that information references be put on the back side of the agenda, and to bring 50-60 printed copies to each meeting. This might include key concepts, main themes, purpose of NCTE, representative constituencies, etc.
- Ways to strengthen New Member Orientation will be discussed at the August Executive Committee meeting. It was decided that a survey will be given to members at the June meeting concerning what is going well, what members need more help with, etc. Moss and Jankovich volunteered to work on the survey along with Madsen. Jankovich will debrief with members at the end of the June meeting. Survey results will be discussed at the August Executive Committee meeting.
- As a part of the October New Member Orientation, a mentor will be assigned to the new member. A small group orientation will be held for the new members and mentors before the First General Session and a debrief session for new members and mentors will be held at the end of the October meeting. The mentor assignment will be maintained throughout the year. More discussion will be held at the August Executive Committee meeting.
- The Executive Committee will discuss a strategy for ongoing member inservice in August.

Added agenda item:

LB 1103, which calls for a strategic planning process and a subsequent report to the Legislature by 12.31.14, was discussed. Questions regarding how NCTE might be engaged with this were raised. Adler shared a preliminary draft of the Nebraska Vision for Education Roadmap. More discussion will possibly be held at the June meeting. Senator Kate Sullivan will be invited to speak at the October NCTE meeting.

Rule Status Updates – Sharon Katt

- Rule 20 – Approved by State Board at February 4, 2014 meeting. Awaiting Governor's signature. Expectation is for full authorization by August 1, 2014. Attorney General Approval was received on April 15, 2014.
- Rule 23 – Awaiting Governor's signature.
- Rule 24 – Approved by State Board at February 4, 2014 meeting. Awaiting Governor's signature. Expectation is for full authorization by August 1, 2014. Attorney General Approval was received on April 15, 2014.

Rule 24 Endorsements and Ad Hoc Meetings – Pat Madsen

- Proposed Endorsements reading for First and Second Hearings:
Coaching (Supplemental)
School Nurse (Special Services)
The Coaching supplemental endorsement and School Nurse special services endorsements were moved ahead on a motion by Schnabel, second by Moss. Motion carried. (Appropriate references will be added to the endorsements.)
- Proposed Endorsement ready for Final Approval:
Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist / Supplemental – Carol McClain, *NDE Office of Special Education & Ad Hoc Chair*
McClain gave a summary of the proposed endorsement.

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Question from Moss: 006.60D2—Does this have to be ‘the Special Education endorsement’ or any special education endorsement—K-6 or K-12?

School Psych does not have the same background preparation, so that might be a concern. It is recommended that the current language be kept. This endorsement was originally designed to be attached to the Special Education (Generalist) endorsement, and would be supplemental to that endorsement. Is it necessary/appropriate to require a 200-clock hours field experience? Katt and Schnabel explained that the 200-clock hours of field experience is appropriate for this endorsement, even though that is much higher than other supplemental endorsements, and that perhaps field experience hours in other supplemental endorsements need to be examined. The Executive Committee acknowledged there was much discussion at the March 7, 2014 Standing Committee ‘C’ meeting regarding this endorsement, including the high number of field experience hours required for this supplemental endorsement.

The Executive Committee recommended that this endorsement move forward for final approval with the following changes that the NCTE Membership will be asked to vote on at the June 6, 2014 meeting, and to make special notation of this on the meeting materials:

006.60D1 ‘A minimum of 160-clock hours of field experiences.,’ and change language to read, ‘ages 3 through prekindergarten.’

Motion by Adler to make the above changes and move the endorsement to final approval, second by Bone. Motion carried.

- Changes in Special Education endorsements at March meeting

Do changes need to be made in all the Special Education supplemental endorsements to be consistent? (‘...the Special Education endorsement’ change to ‘...a special education endorsement’)

No changes are necessary at this time. If ‘the Special Education endorsement’ is required, the revised Mild/Moderate endorsement is needed to be able to add the supplemental endorsement. If ‘a special education endorsement is required’, it can be any special education endorsement, including School Psych or SLP. (Rule 24 will possibly include a definition.)

- Upcoming Ad Hoc Meetings:

- Middle Grades – Tentatively will be held in July, 2014, and will most likely entail more than one meeting. Results from the NCTE Survey about Middle Grades was shared. There was a very low response. A totally balanced perspective is needed, as well as research about middle grades teacher preparation. Adler discussed the need to think from an instructional standpoint.

The state Middle School Conference is in Hastings May 28 & 29, 2014. Moss will talk with the Middle School association president to find appropriate resources for Ad Hoc members to read in preparation for the Ad Hoc meeting, and to determine possible representation for the Ad Hoc work.

- Art and General Art Ad Hoc meeting – July 17, 2014 (tentative date)
- Music, Instrumental Music, and Vocal Music Ad Hoc meeting– June 25, 2014 (tentative date)
- Health Occupations – September 10, 2014

- Discussion regarding Supplemental Endorsements –

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Do parameters for Supplemental Endorsements need to be established?

Tabled and will be discussed further at the August Executive Committee meeting.

- Review of current Ad Hoc policies –

Should revisions be proposed regarding the Ad Hoc procedures?

The process, which is included in the Organizational Policies, will be reviewed at the August Executive Committee meeting.

3. NDE Updates –

Program Approval – The state approval process is being revised and two contracts have been awarded to lead this.

Folio Review for Grace, Midland, UNO, and Peru will be held October 8 & 9, 2014, using the revised State Approval Process, which is being piloted by these institutions.

4. Proposed Agenda Items for June 6, 2014 NCTE Full Council Meeting at The Cornhusker, Lincoln:

Senator Kate Sullivan will be invited to discuss the Education Visioning process. Katt volunteered to discuss this with Dr. Blomstedt. Other options include a Data Dashboard/Data Literacy presentation or a presentation about the state approval process.

- Proposed endorsements for First and Second Hearings:
 - Coaching (Supplemental)
 - School Nurse (Special Services)
- Proposed endorsement for Final Approval:
 - Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist (Supplemental)
- Election of Standing Committee Officers for 2014-2015 during Standing Committee meetings
- NCTE Membership Survey – Debrief at the end of the day
- EETP Scholarships
- Content Testing Update

Upcoming Meetings:

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, June 6, 2014 at The Cornhusker, Lincoln—9:30 A.M.

NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – August 21, 2014 at NDE in Lincoln (6th floor, Nebraska State Office Building—Conference Room B—9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.)

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, October 3, 2014 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 P.M.